



# News Release

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### **Send-Off Ceremony Friday for Army Guard's Aviation Battalion in Madison**

Military and civilian officials, family members and friends will gather in Madison Friday afternoon (March 21) to bid farewell to the 147th Aviation Battalion of the Wisconsin Army National Guard.

Approximately 200 of the unit's 250 members were ordered to active duty Feb. 2. For the past seven weeks they have been completing mobilization processing, training and preparing themselves and their equipment for overseas deployment. The unit equipment is now enroute to an overseas deployed location and the troops will be departing within the next few days.

The 147th is a command aviation battalion and flies UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters.

The unit send-off ceremony is scheduled to run from 1:00 to about 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Army National Guard flight facility, 1954 Pearson Street, Madison.

There are currently more than 2,300 members of the Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard serving on active duty.

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**EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS:** The ceremony is open to the news media, and you are invited to cover this event. We expect to have about 200 deploying unit members and an estimated 1,000-plus family members, in addition to senior military and civilian officials.